# **Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association**

Minutes of April 2008 Meeting

<b>Board Member</b>	Position	Term Expires	Present	Absent	Email Address
Sherry Seiwert	President	2008	X		Sherry4761@sbcglobal.net
Terry Dobson	Vice President	2009	X		tdobson@ameritech.net
Lynn Schaller	Treasurer	2008	X		lynnschaller@sbcglobal.net
Susan Dobson	Member	2009	X		
Ken Ingle	Secretary	2008	X		Kingle3@comcast.net

President Sherry Seiwert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Board Meeting business was suspended until 7:30pm, when the guest speaker had completed his presentation

### Guest Speaker

Mr. Tom Walker from Indianapolis Power & Light addressed the meeting on the subject of tree trimming near the power lines. Our neighborhood has so many trees that IPL decided to cut trees every two years instead of every third year. The standard for tree trimming - ANSI A300 is used by the company they hire.

### Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 3-31 was \$5619

## Crime Watch Update

Report on robbery on Dean Rd. A pair of bogus candy sellers stole a pickup from the driveway while the owners were inside the house. Miscreants were caught by police. One had tried the same scam in Butler-Tarkington. He was caught there, too.

Terry reported that the city has erected Crime Watch signs at all the entrances to the neighborhood. FSNA has purchased No Soliciting signs to go on the posts with the CW signs, and Terry has attached half of them (fourteen). The importance of these No Soliciting signs is that they give the police "Probable Cause" to stop and interrogate anyone reported to be canvassing, or even "casing", the neighborhood.

Thus we should report immediately to police anyone seen canvassing, preferably to the non-emergency number (see the sidebar on the front of your newsletter).

# New Business

Variance on  $62^{nd}$  St – Did not vote to support or oppose since property owner did not attend the meeting.

FSNA member Joe Keller presented copies of an article from the Star (April 15) advocating the Adopt-A-Block program by Keep Indianapolis Beautiful. Joe noted that nobody will find litter or cigarette butts between 62<sup>nd</sup> and 65<sup>th</sup> on Chester.

The Metropolitan School District of Washington Township has billed us \$32.40 for our use of the John Strange School cafeteria for our meetings during the school year. It was moved by Susan, seconded by Ken, that the bill be paid and no objections to this policy be raised. Passed.

#### Old Business

Neighborhood Cleanup – The date is set for Sunday, June  $8^{th}$ , 1:00 to 4:00pm. A dumpster will be placed at the back of John Strange School so we can dump all trash collected June 8. Volunteers can come to the school to be assigned an area to pick up.

# **Next Meeting**

May 21, 2008 at John Strange Elementary School. Board Meeting to be preceded by the Annual Membership Meeting, with election of the Board of Directors.

# Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:00~p.m. Anyone who stayed was drafted to help fold, stamp and label the April Newsletter. Thank you.